

What is BTOP?

And the future of the CEN
Network.

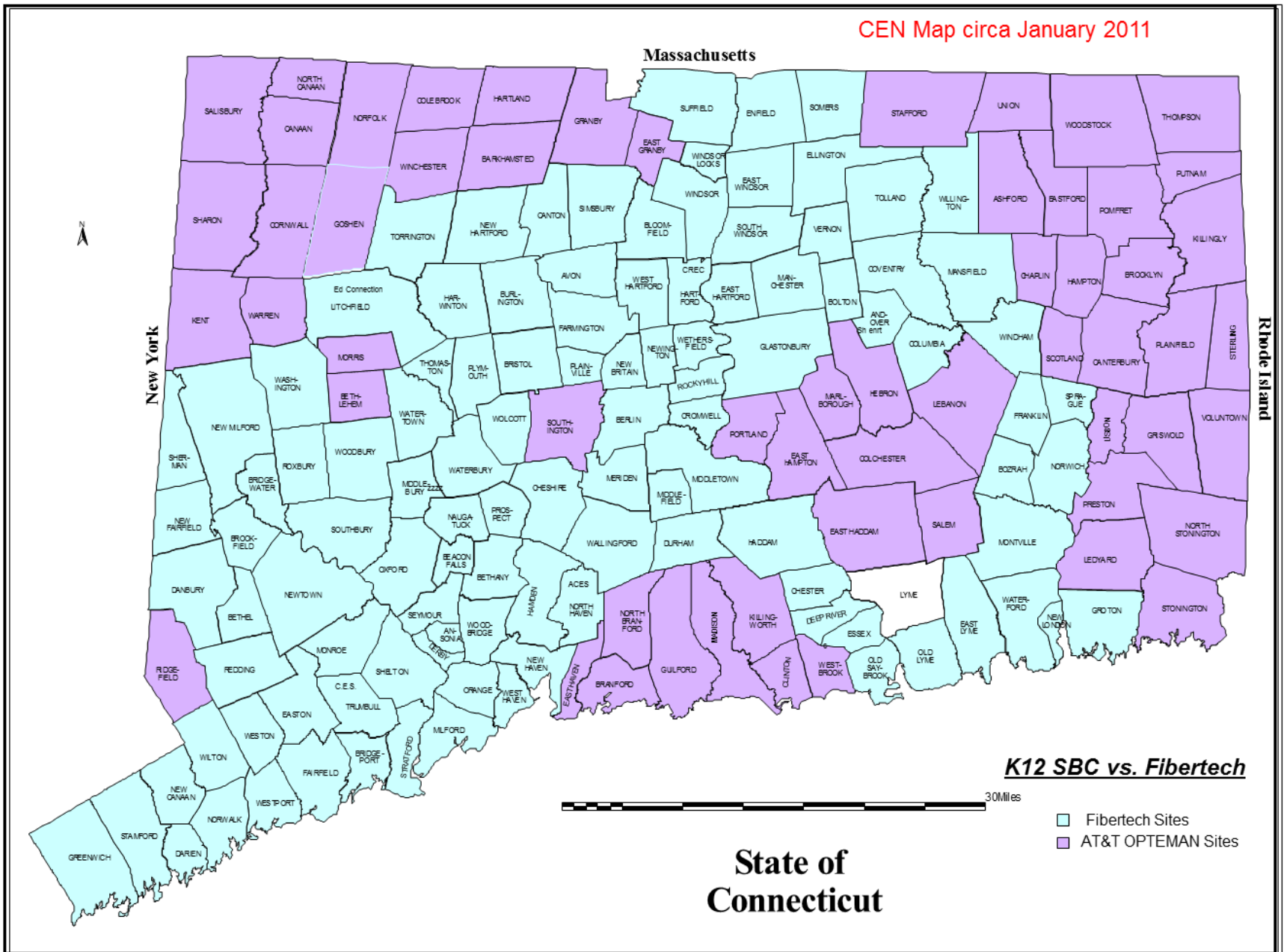
Introduction to BTOP

- Grant awarded on September 3, 2010
- Network construction must be 67% complete by September 2012
- Network must be 100% complete by September 2013
- Network Governance for access, controls and utilization must be developed and implemented before September 2013
- Ensure proportional expenditure of the 20% matching dollars
- On-going sustainability
- “Buy American Act” compliant

BTOP (AKA The Nutmeg Network)

- Objective: To create enhanced connectivity (up to 1Gpbs) to approximately 432 educational related locations including:
 - 231 K-12 Schools
 - 146 Libraries
 - 44 Community Colleges, Universities and other Higher Education facilities
 - 6 CPTV Sites
 - 5 Other Community Support facilities
- Upgrade/refresh of current Network
 - Upgrade existing antiquated network equipment, including 8 year old Network core to support Broadband growth
 - Increased capacity to meet existing demands
 - Scalability to meet the needs of future requirements
- Open access to non-educational use to meet grant's Open Access Requirement

CEN Map circa January 2011

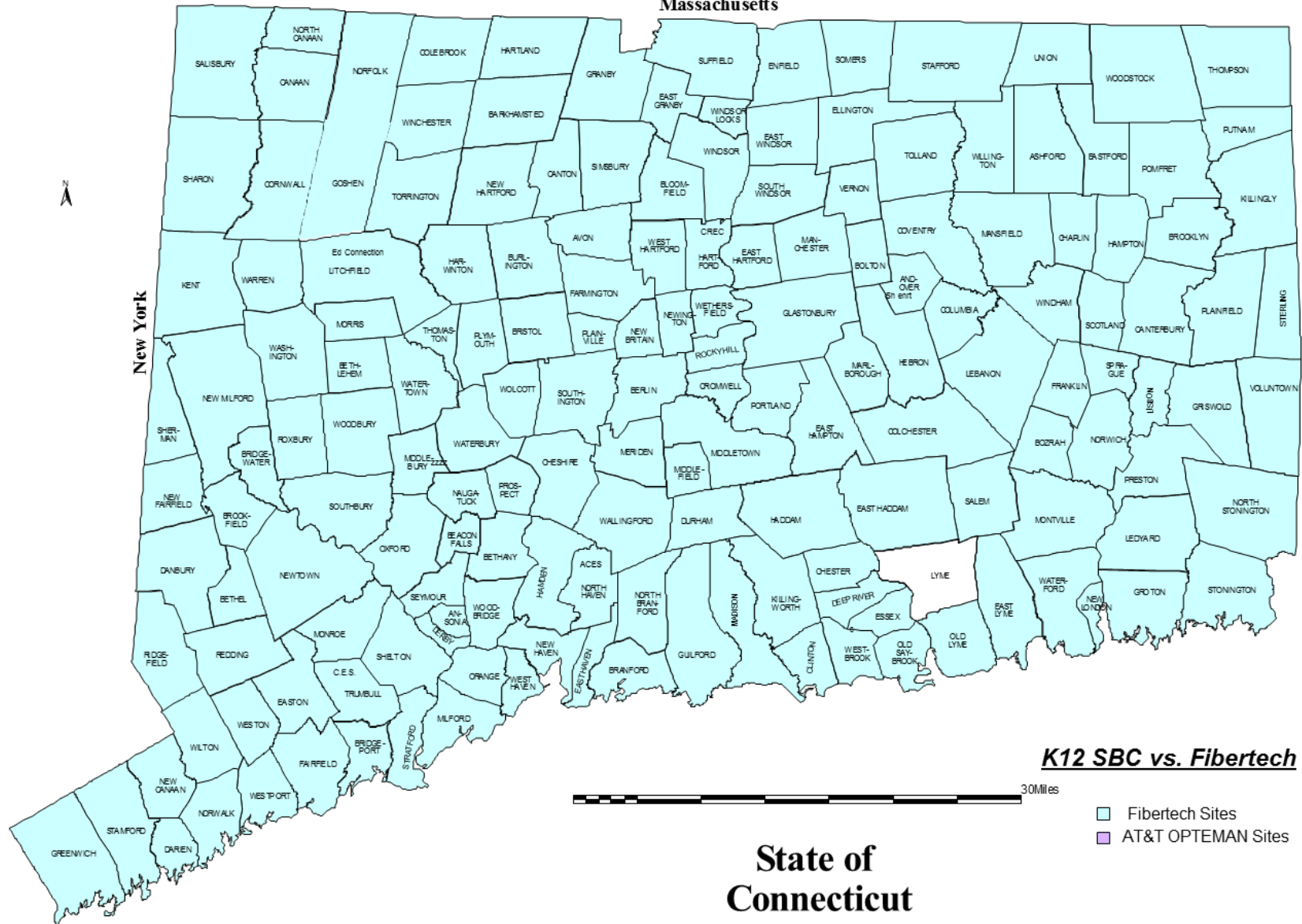


CEN Map as of today

Massachusetts

New York

Rhode Island



Core Hub Upgrades

- We also had to upgrade 18 hub sites
- We added 3 brand new hub sites with the pictured rack design

Typical CEN
Hubsite ASR 9006
and DWDM 15454
M6 chassis

Patch panels for
DWDM. Depending
on rings from 2 to 4 at
each site.

WTI Modem

2 x APC AP9571A

Mesh Patch for DWDM

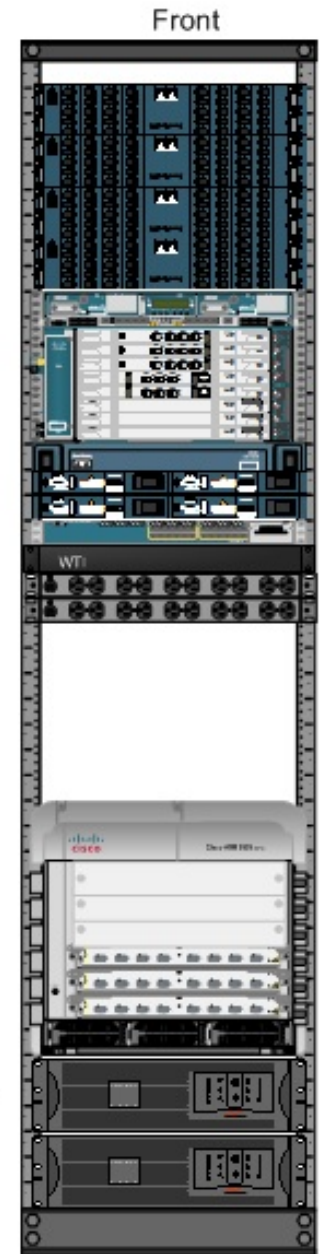
DCU for DWDM.
Depending on rings
from 1 to 3 at each site.

Switch for UPS, 1G Access, etc
Cisco 3600X

Cisco ASR 9006

Cisco M6 Chassis

APC Smart-UPS 6000VA
SURT6000RMXLT3U

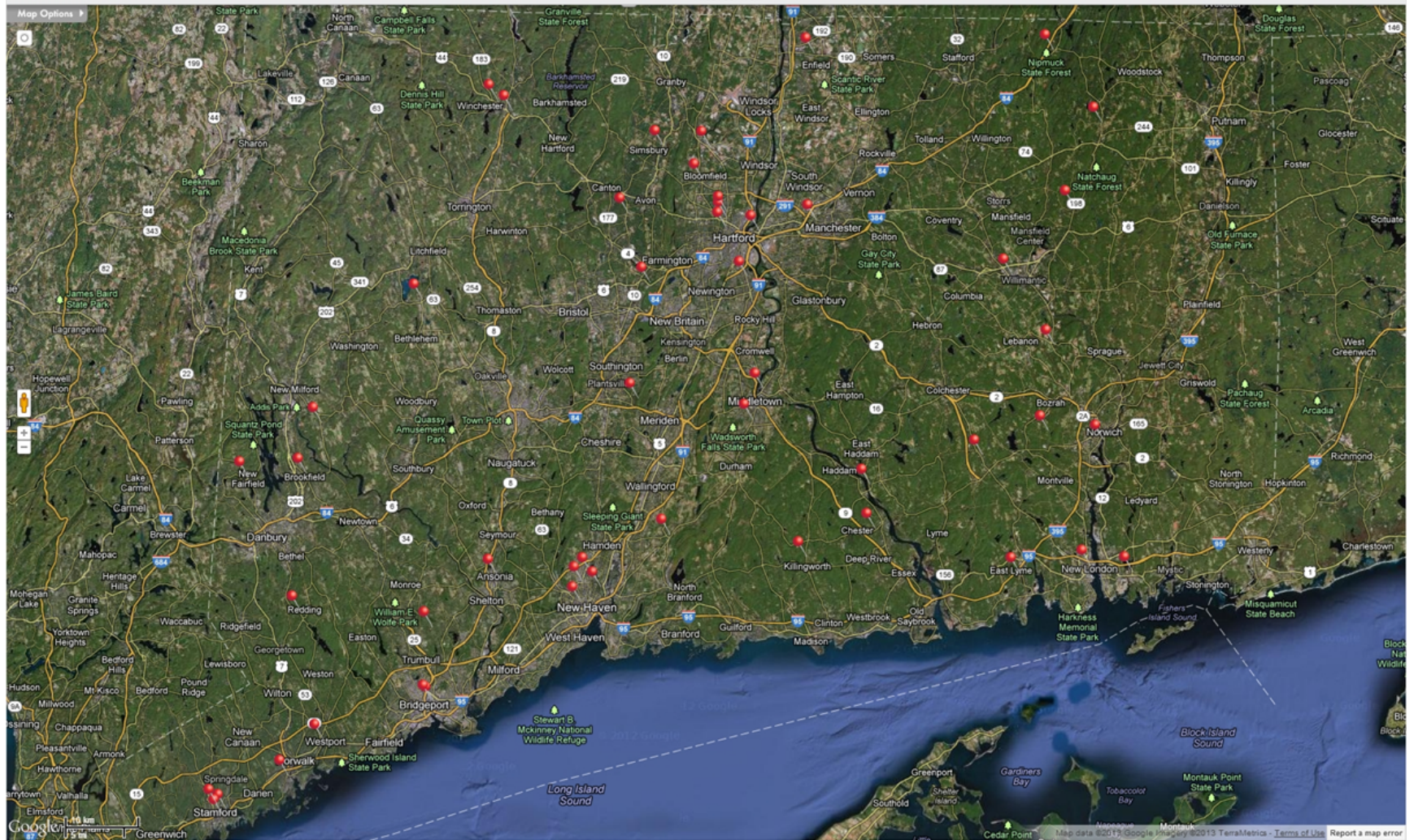


Upgrade From Frame Relay and DSL

- As part of the BTOP project, we also upgraded all of our frame relay sites
- Upgraded our DSL library sites that used the most bandwidth
- We also added numerous charter and magnet schools, as well as numerous CPTV sites around Connecticut

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FALL EDITION



AT&T to CEN Fiber

- In order to move customers from AT&T to CEN Fiber, not only did the OPT-E-MAN sites need to be upgraded, but any member of the ring that the OPT-E-MAN site was added to HAD to be upgraded as well.
- A total of 53 customers have been upgraded from OPT-E-MAN to CEN Fiber

Next-Gen Backbone

- Our next phase of upgrades will upgrade the remaining customers on our fiber backbone to our next-gen backbone.
- This upgrade will give our customers 1Gb handoffs and 10Gb backbones (*compared to current 100Mb handoffs and 1Gb backbones*)

Continuing Upgrades

- Our next round of upgrades is based on how much bandwidth a site uses
- The highest users got placed at the top of the list, while the lowest users were placed on the bottom
- In some instances, a very high usage site in the same ring as a low usage site, so you may see lower usage sites mixed in
- This is because we have to upgrade the entire ring

Overview *(Old Network Setup)*

- Network Setup
 - Minimum Customer Backbone Connection = 1Gb/sec
 - Minimum Customer Handoff Connection = 100Mb/sec
- Customer Edge Equipment
 - Cisco 3500/3600/3700 devices supporting only 100Mb handoffs and 1Gb backbone links
- Layer 1/2 Access
 - Frame Relay, ATM, and Dark Fiber
- Layer 3 Access
 - Cisco 6500 series

Overview *(Next Generation Network Setup)*

- Network Setup
 - Minimum Customer Backbone Connection = 10Gb/sec
 - Minimum Customer Handoff Connection = 1Gb/sec
- Customer Edge Equipment
 - Cisco 3600ME devices supporting full MPLS and multiple choices for handoffs (*support most any SFP 1Gb*) (*also 10Gb backbone links*)
- Layer 1/2 Access
 - Cisco ONS 15454 DWDM – Up to 40 10Gb circuits per hub
- Layer 3 Access
 - Cisco ASR 9000 Series – Multiple 10Gb connections per blade

Next Steps

- Upgrade remaining fiber customers to next gen network
- Implement 100Gb optical solution from East Hartford to Storrs to Internet2 (*will give us 100Gb upstream to Internet2*)

Final Steps

- We will still have around 99 libraries that are on DSL after all of this
- Within the next 5 years we would like to work on getting them off DSL and onto CEN fiber, along with upgrading their customer edge equipment

Top Ten SpeedTest.Net Download Results (Within last 90 days)

CLIENT_IP	CLIENT_CITY	Customer of CEN	TEST_DATE	SERVER_NAME	DOWNLOAD_KBPS	UPLOAD_KBPS
137.99.54.136	Storrs Mansfield	University of Connecticut	4/28/2013 03:50:49 GMT	Hartford, CT	908859	56968
72.10.98.226	Litchfield	Education Connection	4/1/2013 18:58:14 GMT	Hartford, CT	711923	57633
128.36.198.125	New Haven	Yale University	4/19/2013 01:34:33 GMT	Hartford, CT	687852	49487
155.43.78.6	Hartford	Community-Technical Colleges	4/30/2013 00:18:41 GMT	Hartford, CT	655838	28092
138.29.16.23	New London	Coast Guard Academy	4/18/2013 17:58:19 GMT	Hartford, CT	564043	32087
72.10.103.142	East Haddam	Nathan Ray Hale High School	4/10/2013 20:03:53 GMT	Hartford, CT	557481	130556
64.251.53.99	Weston	Weston Public Schools	4/16/2013 12:24:32 GMT	Hartford, CT	549757	128138
192.132.64.3	West Haven	University of New Haven	4/10/2013 16:09:42 GMT	Hartford, CT	536103	82490
64.251.48.163	Wallingford	Wallingford Public Schools	4/18/2013 12:49:48 GMT	Hartford, CT	512572	179081
64.251.57.10	Bethel	Bethel Public Schools	4/13/2013 02:04:17 GMT	Hartford, CT	477522	70361

Largest result seen is Windham Public Schools @ 990Mb/Sec download